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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE, 14TH MEETING OF JOINT
COMMITTEE, U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOR 14TH
MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE, U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE
MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM, WHICH CONCLUDED JULY 21:

2. QUOTE. THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE JOINT
JAPAN-UNITED STATES COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE
COMMITTEE WAS HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN
TOKYO, JAPAN ON JULY 20 AND 21, 1978. WELCOMING AND
OPENING REMARKS WERE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
JAPAN BY MR. TATSUO OZAWA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND
WELFARE AND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES BY MR. JUSTIN BLOOM, COUNSELOR FOR SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS, EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA IN TOKYO, JAPAN.

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DR. TOSHIO KUROKAWA, CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN DELEGATION
AND DR. IVAN L. BENNETT, JR., CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED
STATES DELEGATION, MADE OPENING REMARKS, INTRODUCED
MEMBERS OF EACH DELEGATION, AND ALTERNATELY CHAIRED THE
TWO DAY COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE JOINT PANELS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MUTAGENESIS AND CARCINOGENESIS CONDUCTED A WORKSHOP ON THE UTILITY FOR STUDIES OF MUTAGENESIS OF SISTER CHROMATID EXCHANGE AT YAMANAKA, JAPAN ON JULY 16 AND 17, AND CONVENED A CONFERENCE IN TOKYO, JAPAN, ON JULY 18 AND 19, 1978. REVIEW AND REVISION OF PANEL GUIDELINES WERE INITIATED TO REFLECT FUTURE RESEARCH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. THIS PROGRAM, INITIATED IN 1972, WILL BEGIN ITS YEAR OF FORMAL REVIEW WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1979. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDED AND PARTICIPATED IN THESE JOINT MEETINGS.

THE COMMITTEE LISTENED TO REPORTS OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS OF THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM'S SEVEN JOINT PANELS ON CHOLERA, LEPROSY, ENVIRONMENTAL MUTAGENESIS AND CARCINOGENESIS, MALNUTRITION, PARASITIC DISEASES, TUBERCULOSIS AND VIRAL DISEASES. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS CONTINUED SATISFACTION WITH THE RESEARCH PROGRESS, ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES AND FUTURE PLANS OF EACH OF THE SEVEN PANELS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO LISTENED TO THE REPORT OF THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM REVIEW AND PLANNING. THE FORMAL PROGRAM REVIEWS OF THE PARASITIC DISEASES AND VIRAL DISEASES PANELS, INITIATED IN 1977, WERE COMPLETED AT THIS MEETING. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE REVIEW REPORTS AS SUBMITTED WITH CONTINUATION OF THESE TWO PANELS.
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REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE MALNUTRITION AND VIRAL DISEASES PANELS WERE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED. THE MALNUTRITION PANEL DELETED STUDIES ON MALNUTRITION DUE TO METABOLIC DISORDERS AND ADDED HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF DIFFERENT (AND CHANGING) DIETARY PATTERNS AND FOOD HABITS. THE VIRAL DISEASES PANEL EXPANDED ITS GUIDELINES TO INCLUDE STUDIES ON VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS.

A HEPATITIS SYMPOSIUM WAS HELD DURING THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AS A PRELIMINARY STEP FOR ESTABLISHING A HEPATITIS PANEL. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT DESIGNATED SCIENTIFIC AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST BE IDENTIFIED AND FOLLOWED IN PREPARING SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE NEW PANEL. THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM REVIEW AND PLANNING AT THEIR FEBRUARY 1979 MEETING. FORMAL INITIATION OF THE NEW HEPATITIS PANEL WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN JULY 1979. THIS WILL BE THE SECOND PANEL TO BE ADDED SINCE INCEPTION OF THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM IN 1965. THE NUMBER OF PANELS WILL THEN

BE INCREASED FROM SEVEN TO EIGHT.

THE NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN HONOLULU
ON FEBRUARY 8-9, 1979, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN
BETHESDA JULY 26-27, 1979. UNQUOTE.

3. LOU SEPTTEL REPORTS ON SUBSTANCE OF MEETING AND SIDE
CONVERSATIONS HELD ON RELATED MATTERS OF INTEREST TO
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